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SUBJECT: PRESS COMMENT ON U.S. CONGRESSIONAL STUDY AND U.S.  
GREEK MILITARY EXERCISE

1. POPULAR DAILY "GUNAYDIN" MARCH 28 NOTES THAT A RECENT  
U.S. CONGRESSIONAL REPORT CLAIMS THAT U.S. BASES IN TURKEY,  
GREECE, SPAIN AND ITALY WILL COST "MORE THAN THEY ARE WORTH"  
BECAUSE THE HOST COUNTRIES ARE DEMANDING "MORE AND MORE" AID.  
"GUNAYDIN" REPORT, DATELINED WASHINGTON, DOES NOT SPECIFY  
WHICH CONGRESSIONAL BODY ISSUED THE REPORT, BUT ATTRIBUTES  
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FOLLOWING ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS TO IT:

-- BECAUSE OF EXPENSE OF MAINTAINING MEDITERRANEAN BASES, USG  
SHOULD SEEK WAYS TO REPLACE THEM BY DEVELOPING "NEW TECHNOLOGIES".  
--UTILITY OF BASES IS DIMINISHED BECAUSE TURKEY, GREECE,  
SPAIN AND ITALY DID NOT ALLOW USG TO USE THEM TO SUPPORT  
ISRAEL DURING 1973 MIDDLE EAST WAR;

--PORTUGAL MAY JOIN AFOREMENTIONED NATIONS IN NOT REPEAT NOT ALLOWING USG TO USE BASES IN (AZORES) IN EVENT OF FUTURE MIDDLES EAST CRISIS; AND

--U.S. FORCES SHOULD STUDY POSSIBILITIES OF DEVELOPING AIR AND LAND SUPPORT OUTSIDE OF NATO WHICH WOULD AVOID POLITICAL DIFFICULTIES WITH FRIENDLY NATIONS AND STILL FULFILL MILITARY OBJECTIVES IN REGION.

2. IN SAME ISSUE, "GUNAYDIN" STATES THAT U.S. FORCES ARE CONDUCTING JOINT EXERCISE WITH GREECE MARCH 27-APRIL 2. ARTICLE, DATED IN ATHENS, REPORTS THAT CONTINGENT OF U.S. MARINES IS EXERCISING WITH GREEK UNITS IN NEAPOLIS AREA. REPORT ALSO NOTES THAT THESE EXERCISES ARE NOT REPEAT NOT CONNECTED WITH NATO, AND THAT GREEKS DISPLAYED NEW ARMS PROCURED FROM U.S. AND FRANCE (TOW AND MILAN MISSILES) AT CONSTITUTION DAY MILITARY REVIEW MARCH 25.

3. ACTION REQUESTED: WE WOULD APPRECIATE RECEIVING DETAILS OF CONGRESSIONAL REPORT AND U.S.-GREEK EXERCISE AS REPORTED ABOVE. WE ASSUME CONGRESSIONAL REPORT CITED BY "GUNAYDIN" IS THAT OF HOUSE INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE HEADED BY CONGRESSMAN LEE HAMILTON; ONLY BACKGROUND ON THIS REPORT AVAILABLE TO US, HOWEVER, IS CONTAINED IN MARCH 25 USIA WIRELESS FILE.  
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